

HO-1050

8420 Horseshoe Road
Private

DESCRIPTION:

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The house at 8420 Horseshoe Road is a typical mid-nineteenth century Cape Cod, a type of house that became very popular throughout the United States in the post-war period as suburban development took off and returning GIs started families and needed housing for them. The Cape Cod reflects the continuing popularity of the Colonial Revival styles from the early twentieth century, here made more affordable by placing the sleeping spaces in the attic. At the same time, new ideas in housing were being incorporated into these traditional building types, such as the adoption of the large picture window. This house represents the most stripped down form of the building type, without even a neo-Georgian door enframing to hint at the colonial origins of the type. This could have been a money-saving move, it may reflect the influence of modernism on traditional architecture, or it could be a bit of both. The tax assessment records date the construction of the house to 1953, which seems a very reasonable approximation, at least. The outbuilding could also date to this period, though could also be several decades later. The house and outbuilding are scheduled to be demolished in 2011 in order to develop the lot.

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Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other

2. Location

street and number 8420 Horseshoe Road not for publication

city, town Columbia X vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Dorsey Family Homes, Inc.

street and number 10717 B Birmingham Way telephone 410-365-7677

city, town Woodstock state MD zip code 21163

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 13031 folio 160

city, town Ellicott City tax map 31 tax parcel 299 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	2
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	0
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	0
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SUMMARY:

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DESCRIPTION:

The house at 8420 Horseshoe Road is located on the northeast side of the road, about ½ mile north of Jonestown and 2 ½ miles south of Ellicott City in east-central Howard County, Maryland. The complex consists of a frame house located near the road and a CMU outbuilding behind it on a generally flat site. The house faces southwest toward the road.

House

The house is a one-story, three-bay by two-bay Cape Cod with a parged foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge. The southwest elevation has a center door with a two-over-one sash in the west bay and a large picture window with a single large light in the center flanked by a two-over-one sash on each side. There is little overhang to the roof, being primarily the gutter. The southeast elevation has paired two-over-one sash in the south bay and a single two-over-one sash in the east bay. Just south of the east bay is an exterior brick chimney. The gable end has paired two-over-one sash.

The northeast elevation has a gabled mudroom and porch attached to the east bay, with the ridge running northeast-southwest. The mud room has a center door flanked by a six-light casement to each side, with three brick steps below the door. The porch roof extends to the northeast and northwest of the mud room, with a square wood post at the north corner. The center bay has paired two-over-one sash and the north bay has a single two-over-one sash.

The northwest elevation has three two-over-one sash on the first story and paired two-over-one sash in the gable end.

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Outbuilding

The outbuilding is a one-story, two-bay by one-bay CMU structure with a gable roof that has asphalt shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge. It has board and batten aluminum siding in the gable ends and on a shed-roofed addition on the northeast side. The southwest elevation has a vertical board door in the center. The southeast end has a six-light steel casement in the south bay and a vertical board door in the east bay. There are no openings on the northwest and northeast elevations.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1953

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2.4 A
Acreage of historical setting 2.4 A
Quadrangle name Savage

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 31, parcel 299, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

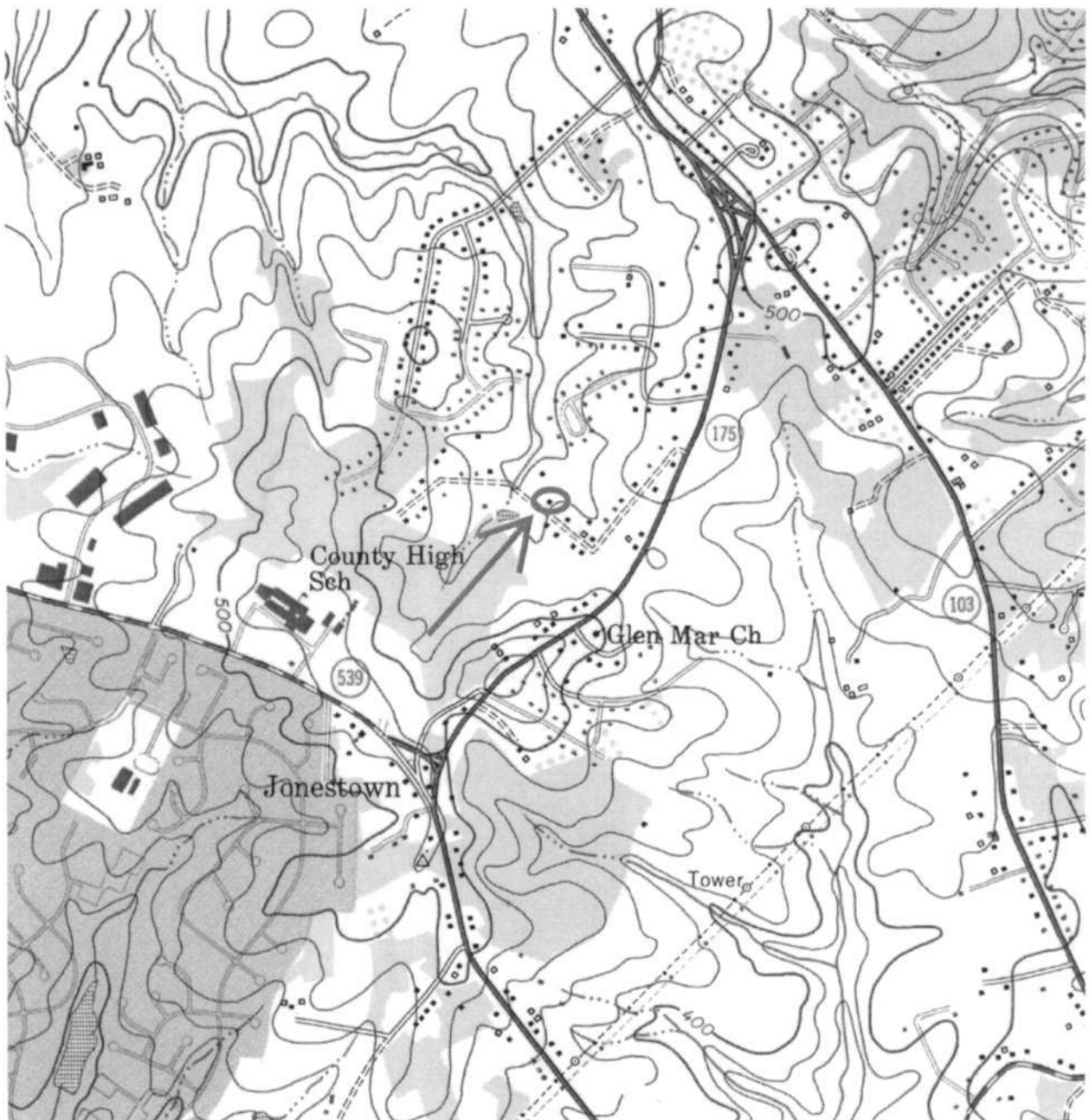
11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



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8420 Horseshoe Road
Savage quad

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8420 Horseshoe Road
Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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Southwest & southeast elevations

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Northeast elevation



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